CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

TECHNICAL TRAINING & HUMAN PERFORMANCE









COE Overview

Government/Academic/Industry Strategic Partnerships

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DOT Secretary Anthony Foxx with 2014 RAISE Award recipient USAF Lt. Kyle Smith





Administrator Michael Huerta with Tara Castleberry M.D. and Charles Mathers M.D.

FAA Funding Vehicle Options

- Individual Contracts,
 Interagency Agreements
 and Other Agreements
- SE 2020 Portfolio of Contracts
- Aviation Research Grants
- Centers of Excellence



Grants Legislation

DOT: 92 Grants Programs ~ \$80 B annually 2 Centers Programs

- University Transportation Centers (UTCs)
- Centers of Excellence (COEs)

FAA: Current Grant Authorities

- Airport Improvement (AIP)
- Aviation Research (P.L. 101-508)
- COE (P.L. 101-508) ~ \$500 M/Level of Effort
 Enacted to enhance FAA's access to resources and research facilities available at colleges, universities and other non-profit research institutions, train and educate future professionals.



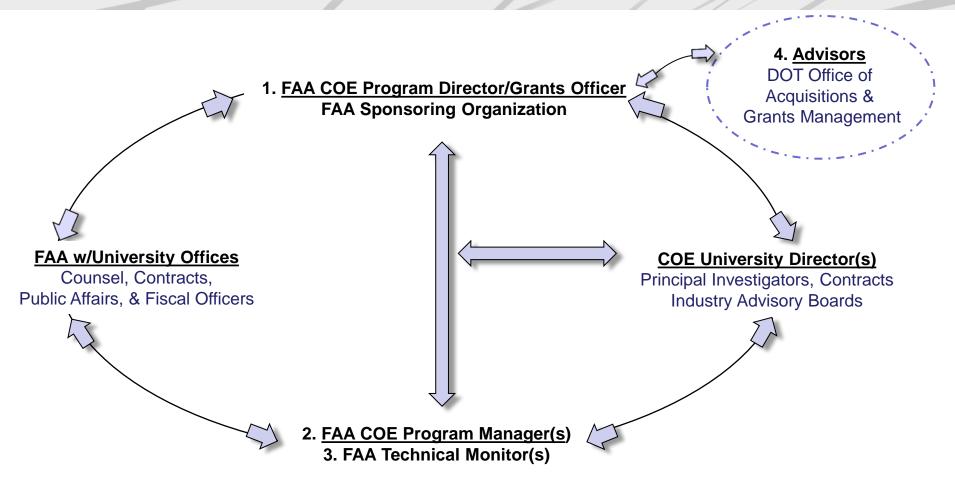
2012 Outstanding Students of the YearGabriela DeFrancisci and José Bernardo

Section 908 - Aviation HR Research

SEC. 908. CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR AVIATION HUMAN RESOURCE RESEARCH.

- (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Using amounts made available under section 48102(a) of title 49, United States Code, the Administrator may establish a center of excellence to conduct research on—
 - (1) human performance in the air transportation environment, including among air transportation personnel such as air traffic controllers, pilots, and technicians; and
 - (2) any other aviation human resource issue pertinent to developing and maintaining a safe and efficient air transportation system.
- (b) ACTIVITIES.—Activities conducted under this section may include the following:
 - (1) Research, development, and evaluation of training programs for air traffic controllers, aviation safety inspectors, airway transportation safety specialists, and engineers.
 - (2) Research and development of best practices for recruitment of individuals into the aviation field for mission critical positions.
 - (3) Research, in consultation with other relevant Federal agencies, to develop a baseline of general aviation employment statistics and an analysis of future needs in the aviation field.
 - (4) Research and the development of a comprehensive assessment of the airframe and power plant technician certification process and its effect on employment trends.
 - (5) Evaluation of aviation maintenance technician school environments.
 - (6) Research and an assessment of the ability to develop training programs to allow for the transition of recently unemployed and highly skilled mechanics into the aviation field.

COE Levels of Oversight, Teams & Control



FAA COE Funding Levels

Year	Center of Excellence (Topic Areas)	Sponsor	LOE
2016 - 2021	Technical Training and Human Performance	HQ	\$ 2 M
2015 - 2020	Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) - May 8, 2015	HQ	\$ 9.5 M
2013 - 2023	Altesrnative Jet Fuels & Environment (AJF&E) – Phase I	HQ	\$ 39.2 M
2012 - 2022	General Aviation Safety * (PEGASAS) – Phase I	TC	\$ 20.9 M
2010 - 2020	Commercial Space Transportation (CST) > Phase II	HQ	\$ 20.8 M
2004 - present	Research in the Intermodal Transport Environment (ACERite)	HQ	\$ 50.6 M
2004 - present	Joint COE Advanced Materials (JAMS)	TC	\$ 56 M
2003 - present	Aircraft Noise and Emissions Mitigation * (PARTNER)	HQ	\$ 109 M
2001 - 2014	General Aviation * (CGAR)	TC	\$ 33.2 M
1997 - 2007	Airworthiness Assurance * (AACE)	HQ/TC	\$ 123.5 M
1996 - (2007)	Operations Research * (NEXTOR)	HQ	\$ 71 M
1995 - (2013)	Airport Technology (CEAT)	HQ/TC	\$ 41.4 M
1992 - 1996	Computational Modeling of Aircraft Structures (CMAS)	TC	\$ 10.3 M
NOTE: Figures includes Grants & Matching Contributions; Interagency Agreements and * Contracts		Total	>\$ 587 M











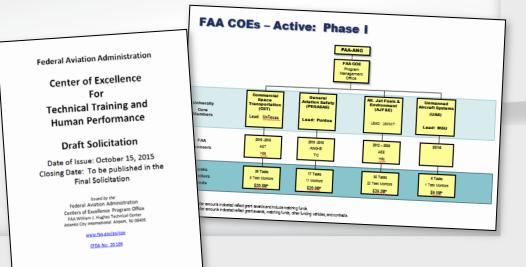
COE TT&HP Draft Schedule: 2015-16

AOA - Concurrence w Request to Establish COE	March 2015
 COE Program Management Office (PMO) Publish Intent to Establish Publish Draft Solicitation 	July
 Office of Primary Interest (OPI) & FAA COE PMO Host Public Meeting 	October
 FAA COE PMO Conduct Period of Public Comment Publish Final Solicitation 	Oct – Nov <u>Jan 2016</u>
Receive ProposalsConduct Tech Evaluation & Management/Fiscal Review	March March/April
 Prepare Selection Package for AOA/OST Negotiate/Execute Agreements and Grants 	May June
❖ COE TT&HP Conducts Initial Research – 2016	Sept

Agenda Day 2

- Review Draft Solicitation
- Discuss Current COE Structures
- Open Discussion
- Wrap Up





Q & A



FAA Air Transportation Centers of Excellence





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DOT Secretary Anthony Foxx with John Tomblin (NIAR/WSU)



Scott Pipkins, George Donohue, Bruce Singer, Virginia Shamy, Satya Atluri, Patricia Watts, Chris Seher



Chris Seher

COE Mission

ENHANCE access to university research capabilities and products by awarding single and multiyear research grants and contracts to colleges, universities and affiliate organizations in multidisciplinary aviation/aerospace-related disciplines

CAPTURE qualities of academic research:

- Outreach
- □ Flexibility
- ☐ Innovation
- □ Education
- □ Tech Transfer



Dennis Filler, FAATC Director, introduces 2014 RAISE Recipient to FAA Headquarters Senior Technical Staff

PROMOTE the growth of a scientifically- and technologically-trained U.S. workforce (Commission on the Future of the US Aerospace Industry)

AUGMENT internal resources and research facilities through long-term public/private partnerships and matching contributions

COE Goals

- Use the COE competitive process to enable AOA to select a world-class team to enhance FAA capabilities with scientists throughout the aviation community, coordinate these activities across organizations to avoid duplication of effort and achieve common goals.
- Engage industry, generate matching contributions, to reduce costs for all, conduct research within a trusted structure using grants for public purpose and contract tasks to obtain FAA deliverables.
- Engage and collaborate with a network of the best and brightest experts throughout the U.S. and abroad.



DOT Garret A Morgan Grants Program join with COE Member, Rutgers University. Students visit FAA Tech Center and the National Airport Pavements Test Facility.

• Comply with Congressional Intent to establish a new FAA COE to conduct critical research and education jointly with other public and private entities over the next decade.

COE University Members (1 of 2)

Auburn Univ.

Boise State Univ.

Boston Univ.

Drexel Univ.

Edmonds Community College

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.

Florida Inst. of Technology

Florida International Univ.

Florida State Univ.

Georgia Inst. of Technology

Harvard Univ.

Iowa State Univ.

Kansas State Univ.

Massachusetts Inst. of Technology

Mississippi State Univ.

Montana State Univ.

New Mexico Inst. of Mining & Tech

New Mexico State Univ.

Northwestern Univ.

Oregon State Univ.

Pennsylvania State Univ.

Purdue Univ.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.

Stanford Univ.

Andrew Leonard, UND COE for General Aviation

2010 DOT FAA COE Student of the Year

John Porcari
Deputy Sec. of
Transportation with
Chelsea He, MIT
COE for Noise &
Emissions

2011 DOT FAA COE Student of the Year



COE University Members (2 of 2)

Texas A&M Univ.

The Ohio State Univ.

Tuskegee Univ.

Univ. of Alaska at Anchorage

Univ. of Alaska at Fairbanks

Univ. of California at Los Angeles

Univ. of Central Florida

Univ. of Colorado at Boulder

Univ. of Delaware

Univ. of Florida

Univ. of Illinois at Urbana

Champaign

Univ. of Medicine & Dentistry

of NJ

Univ.of Missouri at Rolla

Univ. of North Dakota

Univ.of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill

Univ. of Pennsylvania

Univ. of Texas Medical Branch

Univ. of Utah

Univ. of Washington

Washington State Univ.

Wichita State Univ.

Phillip Donovan, UIUC

COE for Airport

Technology

2009 DOT FAA COE Student of the Year





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Bell Helicopter TEXTRON BF Goodrich R&D Center **Boeing Company** Bombardier Aerospace-Learjet **Brookhaven National Lab** California DOT Cape Air Cessna Aircraft Chicago O'Hare International Airport Cirrus Aviation Comair, Inc. **Continental Airlines Delta Airlines** Donaldson Company, Inc. **Draper Laboratory** Elite Air Center **Executive Jet Aviation** Experimental Aircraft Assoc. (EAA) FedEx Corporation **General Electric Company** General Aviation Mfg. Assn. (GAMA) Goodrich **Gulfstream Aerospace** Corporation Harris Corporation Honeywell Illinois Department of Aeronautics

Indiana Department of Transportation International Centre for Indoor Environment & Energy, Technical University of Denmark JENTEK Sensors, Inc. Livermore Software Technology Corp. Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Co. Los Angeles World Airports Lufthansa Maryland Aviation Administration **Massachusetts Port Authority** McDonnell Douglas Aerospace Metron Aviation, Inc. **Metropolitan Washington Airport** Authority NASA National Business Aviation Assn. (NBAA) NMS Bio-Defense Northrop Grumman Corporation **Northwest Airlines Northwest Composites** O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Ohio Department of Development Ohio Department of Transportation Pratt & Whitney

Professional Flight Attendants Association **Raytheon Aircraft Company** Regional Airport Authority of Louisville and Jefferson County Rockwell International Rolls Royce SAE International San Francisco Inter. Airport/Community Roundtable Sandia National Laboratories Seagull Technology Sikorsky Aircraft Southern Air Transport Southern California Association of Governments Southwest Research Institute Spitfire Aviation Partners SRI International Illinois Dept. of Transportation **STERIS Corporation** Sun Microsystems **Transport Canada United Airlines** United Parcel Service **US Airways** US DOT Volpe National Trans. **Systems Center US EPA** Virginia Department of Transportation Wyle Laboratories



Center of Excellence Benefits

- Promote academic, government & industry scientific networks prepared to enhance the safety, security & efficiency of the national airspace system
- Augment government resources (\$:\$) and leverage funds through flexible and responsive public/private partnerships
- Expand the U.S. math & science pipeline, support STEM goals, and facilitate aerospace recruitment opportunities
- Provide a formal strategy & trusted structure to coordinate a national research agenda and related education and training
- Advance U.S. technology and expertise while satisfying Congressional mandates



Congressman Oberstar meets with COE Students & Faculty at TRB Council of University Transportation Centers Awards Ceremony celebrating the Outstanding Students of the Year

"The nation must immediately reverse the decline in and promote the growth of a scientifically and technologically-trained U.S. aerospace workforce."

- Final Report of the Commission on the Future of the United States Aerospace Industry

Sample COE Financial Roll-Up Data

